

## BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village and Advertisements.

Rev. T. B. Carty is spending a few days in Rutland.

Fine home pork and sausage every day. Checkersline.

Louis G. Harwood and Olin W. Harwood spent the week-end at Lowell Lake.

John Hart is substituting on the route of Sam A. Patterson in his absence.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Andrews of South street spent Sunday with relatives in Pittsfield.

La Touraine and White House coffee, always fresh and ground while you wait. Checkersline.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Monahan of North Adams were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Morrissey.

Misses Cecile and Ella Keough and Mrs. F. Stollsteimer of Arlington spent Saturday in town shopping.

Roscoe Gates left Saturday for Buffalo, where he will spend a few days before going to Cleveland for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Tompkins and son, William, of Troy were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Tompkins.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Beecher have purchased of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Turner the latter's home in the Lyons district.

"Thomas Meighan in his last and best picture, 'The City of Silent Men,' a Pathe News and a Rolin comedy. Harte Theatre tomorrow."

"Deception," 7000 people in the cast the biggest picture since "The Birth of a Nation." Opera House Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stringer of Providence spent the week-end in Bennington, called here by the illness of their daughter, Mrs. William Hazeltine, who is now improving.

Have you ever wished for a Fairy Godmother who could make all your wishes come true? See "Oh, Oh, Cindy" Wednesday or Thursday. As a Fairy Godmother, John Whitney is a scream.

Percy A. Simmons of Springfield, Mass., who was formerly with the E. Z. Waist company in Bennington, was in town Saturday with a party of Springfield manufacturers looking over the mills.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kent, who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Morrissey, left today for Hoosick Falls, where they will spend a few days before returning to their home in New York.

Dr. C. A. Goodere, the chiropractic physician who has been looking for office room in Bennington for some time, has located in the First National Bank building and will be ready for business there in a few days.

Miss Grace Betts of Scott street was united in marriage at 9 o'clock this morning to Alfred Peirson of Mill street at the Sacred Heart church. A wedding reception will be held for them this evening at the Union hall on North street.

## SOME SMILES



Worse Than Appendicitis.

"What's the matter, old top? You look sick."

"I've just undergone a serious operation."

"Appendicitis?"

"Worse than that. I had my allowance cut off."

Odious.

Hill-McShorte has sold a poem to Scribblers, entitled an "Ode to a Fair Lady."

Hulls—Has he? Well, he is more competent to write verses entitled "Ode to a Landlady."—London Tit-Bits.

All Settled.

Father—You won't marry Henri because he has red hair. You don't want M. Dupont because he has gray hair. I've no patience with you—

Daughter—Oh, papa!

Father—So now I have found a husband for you who has no hair at all!

—Ruy Blas (Paris).

A Cheap Triumph.

Edwin—Don't you believe me, dearest, when I tell you that you are the only girl I ever loved?

Angelina—Oh, yes. But that's not nearly as nice as it would be to know that I'd stolen you from some other girl.

The Choice.

"But I don't like this cold boiled mutton you've served me," the new boarder objected peevishly. "Doesn't one have any choice here?"

"Certainly," the landlady responded. "You have the choice of eating that or leaving it alone."

Expert Opinion.

"No doubt you're often amused at the complexity of human nature."

"Let me tell you in confidence," replied the eminent counsel, "it's my honest opinion that most of my clients need a guardian rather than a lawyer."—Browning's Magazine.

Adding to the Trouble.

Excited Traveler—Can I catch the four o'clock express for Birmingham?

Railway Official (calmly)—That depends upon how fast you can run. It started 13 minutes ago!—London Tit-Bits.

## THE LAST QUESTION.

A lawyer was grilling the respondent in a divorce case.

"Is it true that you are supporting another woman?" he asked.

"It is," replied the respondent.

"And she lives in the same house, does she not?"

"Yes."

"And you were never married to her?"

"No, sir."

"That will be all."

"Just a moment," broke in the man's attorney. "Who was this woman?"

"My mother," calmly replied the respondent.

Different Times.

"The rich old coat doesn't kick his son out in the snow as much as he used to in the old days."

"Well, today the son wouldn't starve to slow music. Any rich man's son could qualify as a chauffeur."

HE AGREED.

"That remark that Mr. Gruff made tonight, about not being able to see how so intelligent a man could get married, was very impolite."

"Well, Gruff doesn't stand on formalities—he's a great stickler for truth."

Same as Now.

In days of old when knights were bold and barons held their sway, They took their orders from their wives Just as men do today.

Growing Sensitive.

"Do you place a kind net to your credit every day?"

"I sometimes hesitate," replied Senator Sorghum. "It is getting so you can't boost a friend without being suspected of playing politics."

An Exception.

"It is strange that statesman friend of your thinks it is his duty to whip his children?"

"Why is it strange?"

"Because, I understand he is opposed to a duty on hides."

The Things They Say.

Flora—How do you manage to get a kick out of the same old movie plots all the time?

Fauna—Learn lip reading, my dear, and you'll forget there is a plot!—Flint Fun.

The Test.

"So you think that telephone girl is phenomenally bright?"

"Indeed, I do. I had to tell her only three times in fifteen minutes what number I wanted when she got it for me."

Insult to Injury.

Dora—I hear you were discharged from your position.

Dick—Yes, but I wouldn't mind that so much if they had not advertised for a boy to fill my place!

Modest.

Ethel—I understand she was very modest at her birthday.

Helen—Well, I should say so; she didn't have half as many candles as she ought to have had on her cake.

The Element of the Practical.

"Is Higgins a student of political economy?"

"No. He says that he's a practical man, and practical politics and practical economy don't mix."

A Crop of Ivory.

Her mouth was not so very large. Yet, in a confidential minute, She told the dentist that she had Three well-developed achars in it.

Intelligence.

Doctor—Did you give the patient the insomnia medicine I ordered?

Amateur Nurse—Yes, doctor, but he got so mad whenever I woke him up to give it to him.

A Colored View.

Sam—Dey say dat de parrot am one o' de longest lived birds dere is.

Rastus—Ah 'specks de reason fo' dat am, he ain't no deo to eat.

The Distinction.

"Who is Mrs. Gaddy in mourning for?"

"Nobody that I know of, but she is in black for her husband."

His Specialty.

"Does your son show any particular athletic tendency at college?"

"Oh, yes; he's running through my money."

Solomon's Perfume.

King Solomon made 10,000 golden perfumery censers for the temple of Jerusalem.

## The Story of Our States

By JONATHAN BRACE  
XXXII.—MINNESOTA

MINNESOTA is formed partly from a portion of the Northwest territory and partly by the

Northwest section of the Louisiana Purchase. It was the Mississippi river which was the dividing line between these two large territories.

The Eastern section was ceded by France to Great Britain in 1763 and became a part of the United States at the end of the Revolution by the Treaty of Paris in 1783. The Northwest territory was organized by congress four years later. Then, as this great federal domain became settled and was gradually divided into states, the Eastern part of the present State of Minnesota belonged in turn to the Territories of Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin.

As to the western portion of the state, this was a part of the Louisiana Purchase, which was bought from France by the United States in 1803. As this region became subdivided, Western Minnesota formed a part of the Territories of Louisiana, Missouri and Iowa.

The first white man to penetrate to Minnesota was the French explorer, Duluth, who in 1678 built a fort on Lake Superior and there established a very extensive fur trade. Two years later, Father Hennepin and two companions were sent by La Salle to explore the Upper Mississippi and reached the Falls of St. Anthony, where Minneapolis now stands. But it was not until the Nineteenth century that permanent settlements were made. In 1822 the first mill was built at the Falls of St. Anthony, where were destined to arise such important successors.

In 1841, Father Galtier built a chapel dedicated to St. Paul, and this was the foundation of the present great city of that name.

As to the name Minnesota, the state was so called from the river that runs through it, which in the Dakota Indian language means the words "Minnic," meaning "Water," and "Sotah," meaning "Sky-colored." Sometimes the state is called the "North Star State," from the motto on its coat-of-arms.

Minnesota was admitted to the Union in 1858. Its area is 84,682 square miles and it is the most important of our wheat producing states. It has twelve presidential electors.

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THE French missionaries and fur traders were the first whites to penetrate into Michigan.

Their first visits to this region date back to 1610. It was not until 1668 however, that the first actual settlement was made. This was the mission at Sault Sainte Marie, founded by Father Marquette. Mackinac was established a few years later, and Detroit's growth was slow.

After the French and Indian wars the English took over this territory, and in 1774 it was formally declared a part of Canada. Detroit rapidly grew in importance and during the Revolution was the base of operations for many raids by the British and Indians against the Americans.

By the terms of the treaty of Paris in 1763 this region became a part of the United States. What is now Michigan, Wisconsin, a part of Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio was known as the Northwest territory. After Ohio was set off as a separate state the Lower Peninsula of Michigan was joined to Indiana territory. In 1805 Michigan became a separate territory with about its present boundaries.

There was, however, a great dispute over a small strip of land in the extreme southern portion which was claimed by Ohio. This almost led to bloodshed, but was finally settled by Michigan releasing her claim to the disputed area and receiving as compensation an addition to the Upper Peninsula. On this basis Michigan was admitted to the Union in 1837 and became the twenty-sixth state.

Michigan has a unique situation, as it is bounded by the three largest of the Great Lakes, and divided into two peninsulas. This gives it a coast line larger in proportion to its area than any of the other states. It is named after Lake Michigan, which is the Algonquin word, "Mehigan," meaning "great sea." It is entitled to 15 votes in the electoral college.

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KASKASKIA, the oldest town in Illinois, is on the site of an Indian village and it was here that

Father Marquette, after his first discovery of the Illinois river, established a Jesuit mission in 1675. Four years later La Salle, the French explorer, passed through the Great Lakes, landed at the Chicago river and pushed on to the Illinois river, which he named after the Indian tribes living in that region. Here he built a fort and sent his boat back to Montreal for further supplies. When his vessel did not return he started home on foot and succeeded in finding his way to Montreal through a thousand miles of tangled wilderness. He gathered together another expedition and returned to the fort, which he had left in charge of his companion Tonty. The fort he found in ruins, but finally succeeded in locating and rescuing Tonty, who had been driven out by the Iroquois Indians.

This riverway to the Mississippi became one of the leading avenues of communication between the French in the North and Louisiana. French settlers soon located here and established the most friendly relations with the Indians. In fact, though the Illinois country was ceded by France to England in 1763, the sentiment of the Indians and French together was so hostile that it was several years before the territory could be occupied.

During the Revolution it was George Rogers Clark and his expedition into the territory north of the Ohio which captured Kaskaskia and drove the English from this province. Various states claimed rights to parts of this territory, but these were finally ceded to the federal government and in 1787 it was formed into the Northwest Territory. This tract extended from Pennsylvania to the Mississippi and was eventually divided into Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan.

In 1818 Illinois was admitted as the twenty-first state with an area of 56,605 square miles. The state is one of the most level in the country and is often called the Prairie State. Politically Illinois is the most important state in the Union next to New York and Pennsylvania as it has twenty-nine electoral votes for president.

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After it was established she paid the school a visit and ventured to question one of the kindergarten classes.

"Now, children," she said, "tell me what sort of clothes the puppy wears."

No reply.

"Come, now," she repeated, determined to extract the right answer by naming everything that a dog didn't wear, "does he wear feathers?"

A pained expression crossed the face of a little boy in the front row.

"Please, ma'am," he said, pittingly, "ain't you never seen a dog?"

Mixing Metaphors.

"Don't you think our friend Crossum might loom up as a dark horse?"

"No," declared Senator Sorghum; "recorder's too shady. It would require a great deal of whitewashing to qualify him as a dark horse."

The Reason.

"Don't go into this spelling bee."

"Why not?"

"Because with your limitations, you will find yourself in a hornet's nest."

Accounting for It.

He—Statistics show that more bachelors are criminals than married men.

She—That is because the bachelors have nobody to blame it on.

What Mother Thought.

Joan (blushing)—Jack, mother was looking when you kissed me last night.

Jack—How did she take it?

"Well, she said she felt satisfied that you meant business."—London Tit-Bits.

A MISTAKE.

Bug—Hey—this is the roughest sliding board I ever saw!

Queer.

It's curious, but it's often said, And I should like to know, Why some men toil to earn their bread And others work for dough.

The Truth.

Miss Oldtime—I never had so many beaux as you girls, but I certainly had one admirer for years.

Miss Youngun—Indeed! And do you stand before the mirror every day?

Its Sort.

"One business in which there is never any loss is that of crabbing."

"How do you make that out?"

"Why, isn't all the catch a net gain?"

Quick Verdict Answers Question.

Eason—What kind of a lawyer did you have in your action for damages?

Meeks—You can guess. The jury was out five minutes!—London Tit-Bits.

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2¾ yards long, 27 inches wide with fringe 8 inches deep—In tan, with navy or brown band; and in navy or brown with tan band ..... \$12.50

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